(c) The loans are consolidated/written- off/ waived on the basis of recommendations of the Finance Commission. In certain cases, temporary rescheduling of the repayment of loan and payment of interest is granted depending on the financial problems of the States. Details are given in the Statement below.

Statement

(Amount in Rupees)

		Ex-UT Plan Loans (Up to1986-87) Arunachal Pradesh, Goa & Mizoram		1984-89 State Plan Loans	Drought loans
		Written Off	Consolidated$	Consolidateds$	Written Off
1		2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh			10,137,465,809	50,224,000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2,240,885,400		264,727,425*	
3.	Assam			12,135,969,270	
4.	Bihar			13,372,539,353	
5.	Goa	206,442,900	2,392,171,982	1,474,368,533*	
6.	Gujarat			6,839,709,527	1,653,057,000
7.	Haryana			3,109,034,323	48,113,000
8.	Himachal Pradesh			933,177,097	28,000,000
9.	Jammu & Kashmir			10,501,733,946	
10.	Karnataka			6,079,652,564	50,483,000
11.	Kerala			6,280,137,464	100,800,000
12.	Madhya Pradesh			10,524,513,275	
13.	Maharashtra			10,435,825,329	
14.	Manipur			397,860,805	
15.	Meghalaya			360,402,245	
16.	Mizoram	1,104,900,000	30,383,100	157,362,992*	
17.	Nagaland			557,832,338	
18.	Orissa			6,876,949,367	
19.	Punjab			3,147,402,165	
20.	Rajasthan			7,739,390,414	3,243,547,000
21.	Sikkim			233,500,647	
22.	Tamil Nadu			8,771,394,200	
23.	Tripura			504,821,261	
24.	Uttar Pradesh			19,986,739,330	21,467,000
25.	West Bengal			5,573,167,867	
	Total	3,552,228,300	2,422,555,082	146,405,677,546	5,195,691,000

$ into 15 years loan with 9% rate of interest.*

* — 1987—89

Power Supply in Hill Districts of U.P.

1442. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power supply in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, particularly in village Bara, Patty-Edwal Syun, district Pauri Garhwal is very irregular since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to non-functioning of the low power Transformer people of that village have urged Government to provide in a High Power Transformer; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to instal High Power-Transformer in that village and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During the period April-October, 95 the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh (including eight hill districts) was 22305 Million Units against which the availability was 19756 Million Units, which represents a shortage of 11.4%. Supply of power to different regions of State is a responsibility of State/ State Electricity Boards.

((c) and (d) The distribution schemes are prepared by SEB and schemes costing less than Rs. 100 crores are not required to be submitted to the CEA for approval and these are processed in the States.

Resentment amongst retired Government Servants

1443. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether resentment is brewing amongst the retired Government servants for not giving the benefit of merger of some part of dearness allowance with the emoluments for purposes of payment of gratuity as has appeared in 'Action Line' of Hindustan Times dated 20th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the justification for depriving those Government servants who retired before 1st April, 1995; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to extend the benefit to such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c)The Fifth Central Pay Commission, in its interim report had recommended that dearness allowance, linked to the average All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI) 1201.66 as indicated below may be treated as dearness pay for reckoning emoluments for the purpose of retirement gratuity and death gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972:—

Pay Range	Dearness allowance to be added to pay for calculating gratuity
Basic Pay upto Rs. 3,500/- p.m.	97% of pay.
Basic Pay above Rs. 3,500/- p.m. & upto Rs. 6,000/- p.m.	73% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,395/-
Basic pay above Rs. 6,000/- p.m.	63% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 4,380/-

The Commission had also recommended that the ceiling on gratuity be enhanced from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs. 2.50 lakhs in the case of the Central Government employees who retire or die on or after 1st April, 1995.

The Government accepted the recommendations of the Pay Commission. No proposal is under consideration of the Government to extend the above benefits to the Central Government employees who retired prior to 1st April, 1995.

Major Overhaul of Power Sector

1444. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by the representative of the World Bank in India, which appeared in the Times of India dated 23rd July, 1995, regarding completed restructuring of the Power Sector including privatisation and the present scenario of supplying free power to agriculture sector or collecting nominal tariff which would add to the present fiscal problem;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) what are the proper facilities to be created by Government for servicing of foreign investment in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The World Bank has from time to time raised various issues regarding the power policy of Government. These *inter-alia* include levy of appropriate tariff for supplies to the Agriculture Sector. Suggestions of the World